

Public Affairs Update July 1-31, 2020



Here is the latest summary of stories and coverage of South Carolina National Guard Soldiers and Airmen supporting the National Guard mission to provide ready units to conduct operations that support and defend our fellow citizens, the Constitution of the United States of America, and South Carolina, whenever and wherever the threat arises or the need exists. The South Carolina National Guard is a premier organization of diverse Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen who are Ready, Relevant, Resilient and Responsible to our communities, state, and nation in time of need, and who are led by competent, capable, caring, and professional leaders and live by the values of loyalty, excellence in all we do, accountability, duty, emphasis on community, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage.

Please share with your Soldiers that they can find the postings for full-time employment opportunities on the South Carolina National Guard website, accessible without a CAC card:

<https://www.scguard.ng.mil/Resources/Employment-Opportunities/>

Also, as we enter an election cycle, please share with your Soldiers, Airmen, and civilian employees guidance on engaging in political activity: <https://www.scguard.ng.mil/Resources/Political-Guidance/>

South Carolina National Guard Training, Operations Coverage

The Adjutant General of South Carolina conducts a Town Hall for members of the South Carolina Military Department

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. R. Van McCarty, the adjutant general for South Carolina, conducted a Town Hall, July 8, 2020, addressing some of the concerns for the South Carolina Military Department including promotion opportunities, diversity in the organization, and COVID-19 measures and precautions.

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29MX2_TngUk

218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade holds change of command ceremony at The Citadel

The 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB), South Carolina National Guard, held a change of command ceremony at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, July 2, 2020. U.S. Army Col. Robin B. Stilwell, 218th MEB outgoing commander, relinquished command to U.S. Army Lt. Col. Edward A. Cloyd, promotable, 218th MEB incoming commander. U.S. Army Maj. Gen. R. Van McCarty, the adjutant general of South Carolina, presided over the ceremony. All three officers are graduates of The Citadel.

Article:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/373381/218th-maneuver-enhancement-brigade-holds-change-command-ceremony-citadel>

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157714960532382>

South Carolina Air National Guard participates in 11th annual Salute from the Shore

Two F-16 Fighting Falcons from The 169th Fighter Wing, McEntire Joint National Guard Base flew in formation behind the C-17 Globemaster III to honor fallen Air Force Hero 1st Lt. David Schmitz who was recently killed in an F-16 crash at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/thescang/albums/72157715034474993>

Maj. John Roache promoted to lieutenant colonel

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, South Carolina National Guard, recognize the promotion of U.S. Army Maj. John Roache to lieutenant colonel, July 9, 2020 in Anderson, South Carolina.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715057867167>

South Carolina National Guard conducts RAVEN DOMOPS training

The South Carolina National Guard State Army Aviation Office hosted RAVEN Small Unmanned Aircraft System (SUAS) training specializing in Domestic Operations (DOMOPS), July 6-10, 2020, in order to ensure the South Carolina National Guard is prepared to respond to potential hurricanes during the 2020 season. The training included academic classes focused on DOMOPS topics and briefings at the South Carolina National Guard Joint Operations Center and South Carolina Emergency Management Division, as well as a training mission at the Edgefield County Emergency Management Center. The South Carolina National Guard has three brigades that currently own RAVEN systems, the 59th Troop Command, 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, and the 117th Engineer Brigade, and the training is offered to any Military Occupational Specialty that operates the RAVEN. The RAVEN has been utilized by the South Carolina National Guard during past hurricane response missions to be able to provide first responders with real-time imagery of flooding and assessments of areas impacted by the storms.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715087273668>

South Carolina National Guard Infantry Battalion conducts STX lanes

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 1-118th Infantry Battalion, South Carolina National Guard, conduct squad-level situational training exercise (STX) lanes at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina, July 11, 2020, to prepare for a Joint Readiness Training Center evaluation in 2021.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wfMxAlrEs4U>

Combined Arms Battalion Soldiers train at McCrady

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 4-118th Combined Arms Battalion (CAB), 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team (attached to the 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, South Carolina National Guard) participate in situational training exercises during drill weekend at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina, July 11, 2020.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715068942993>

132nd Military Police take part in weapons qualification

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 132nd Military Police Company, South Carolina National Guard, qualify with their M4 rifles and 9mm pistols at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, July 11, 2020. The Soldiers first zero their weapons and then move to a qualification range, where they face numerous scenarios in order to be successful.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715070135898>

Sgt. Maj. William Bostic retirement ceremony

The South Carolina National Guard conducts a ceremony in Spartanburg, South Carolina, July 11, 2020, recognizing the retirement of U.S. Army Sgt. Maj. William Bostic, Jr., after more than 34 years of service. Throughout his service, Bostic deployed numerous times, including in support of the Liberation of Kuwait campaign, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn. He held various positions in the 228th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade, South Carolina National Guard, achieving the position of brigade command sergeant major, 2014-2017.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715072604957>

CH-47F Supports airborne training

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with Det. 1 Company B, 238th General Support Aviation Battalion, South Carolina National Guard, support an airborne-training operation with a CH-47F Chinook helicopter in Scotland County, North Carolina, July 11, 2020. The parachute drop mission serves as a training exercise for South Carolina National Guard aviation members, while providing assistance to other U.S. Army units, both active duty and reserve components.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715075996057>

51st Military Police Battalion change of command

The South Carolina National Guard conducts a change of command ceremony for the 51st Military Police Battalion at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina, July 12, 2020, recognizing the outgoing commander, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Erika Perry, and welcoming the incoming commander, U.S. Army Maj.(promotable) Michael Jones.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715083781406>

OCS conducts 6-mile ruck march

U.S. Army National Guard officer candidates assigned to 2nd Battalion (Officer Candidate School), 218th Regiment (Leader), South Carolina National Guard, conduct a 6-mile road march during Palmetto Military Academy officer candidate school July 14, 2020, at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina. This latest class of future U.S. Army officers consists of Soldiers from Florida, North Carolina, Puerto Rico and South Carolina.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715121066598>

WOCS conducts Victory Run

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers attending the 218th Regional Training Institute Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS) hosted by the South Carolina National Guard conduct a victory run July 17, 2020 at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina to mark the completion of WOCS. The WOCS candidates are from multiple state National Guard units, including the South Carolina National Guard, and will graduate the program July 18.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715130011421>

South Carolina National Guard provides military honors for former adjutant general

The South Carolina National Guard Honor Guard provides full military honors during the funeral for U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Stanhope Spears, Sr., July 17, 2020 in Columbia, South Carolina. Spears served as the 26th Adjutant General for South Carolina for 16 years, 1995-2011, with a total of 51 years of service in the South Carolina National Guard.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715135882398>

WOCS graduation ceremony

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers graduate from Phase II of the 218th Regional Training Institute Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS) hosted by the South Carolina National Guard during a ceremony in Columbia, South Carolina, July 18, 2020. The class consisted of six Soldiers who completed the second phase of WOCS during the 15 days of active duty training at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715145367561>

OCS conducts land navigation training

U.S. Army National Guard officer candidates assigned to 2nd Battalion (Officer Candidate School), 218th Regiment (Leader), South Carolina Army National Guard, participate in land navigation training during Palmetto Military Academy officer candidate school July 18, 2020, at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715170620803>

218th MEB conducts awards ceremony

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, South Carolina Army National Guard, receive recognition during a promotion and awards ceremony held at the Charleston Readiness Center in Charleston, South Carolina, July 19, 2020. Soldiers earned awards for their exemplary performance during annual training.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715161710217>

133rd Military Police perform convoy security training

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 133rd Military Police Company, South Carolina National Guard, conduct night time convoy operations at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina, July 24, 2020. The Soldiers conducted numerous mission essential tasks, including critical site security, reconnaissance, convoy security and response force operations.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715220219956>

Fire support specialists perfect their skills at annual training

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with Detachment 4, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1-134th Field Artillery Regiment, South Carolina National Guard, conduct annual training at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina, July 24 - Aug. 7, 2020. Training included land navigation, working with compasses, GPS devices, effective communication over radio, and calling for fire. Soldiers with the unit helped support aerial gunnery by confirming target locations for Soldiers with the 1-151st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, South Carolina National Guard.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715299606036>

4-118th Soldiers return from deployment

Some U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 4-118th Infantry Battalion, 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT), (attached to the 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, South Carolina National Guard), return home July 31, 2020, with friends, Family, and South Carolina National Guard leaders greeting them at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport in Columbia, South Carolina, with other Soldiers returning to airports closest to their home of record, after a deployment in support of Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Spartan Shield. The 4-118th Infantry Battalion deployed to the Middle East after departing South Carolina in August 2019. The unit will be returning from the Middle East in stages due to mission requirements.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715318198716>

Soldier returning from deployment presented degree for graduating college

U.S. Army Spc. Douglas Long, 4-118th Infantry Battalion, Company C rifleman, is presented with his diploma by Dr. Ronald Rhames, Midlands Technical College president, at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport in Columbia, South Carolina, July 31, 2020, for earning his Associate Degree from Midlands Technical College while deployed to the Middle East. Long returned home with other U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 4-118th Infantry Battalion, 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT), (attached to the 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, South Carolina National Guard), July 31, with friends, Family, and South Carolina National Guard leaders greeting them at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, with other Soldiers returning to airports closest to their home of record, after a deployment in support of Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Spartan Shield. The 4-118th Infantry Battalion deployed to the Middle East after departing South Carolina in August 2019. The unit will be returning from the Middle East in stages due to mission requirements.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715319923002>

51st Military Police Battalion conducts annual training

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 51st Military Police Battalion, South Carolina National Guard, conducted annual training, July 2020. Outside of job specific training, the unit also conducted ceremonies for promotions, award presentations, re-enlistments, and participated in a diagnostic Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) in preparation for the test to replace the current fitness test.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715205535856>

51st Military Police Battalion maintenance section annual training

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 51st Military Police Battalion maintenance section repaired M1151 humvees during annual training, July 2020, in order to improve mission effectiveness for the 132nd Military Police Company.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715133826761>

198th Expeditionary Signal Battalion Soldiers return from deployment to Middle East

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with Company B, 198th Expeditionary Signal Battalion return home, July 2020, with friends, family and South Carolina National Guard leaders greeting them at the airports closest to their home of record after a deployment in support of Operation Spartan Shield. Approximately 100 Soldiers with Company B, 198th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, 228th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade, South Carolina National Guard, deployed to the Middle East, after departing South Carolina in August 2019. While deployed, the 198th Expeditionary Signal Battalion provided communications support to deployed units.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715123630656>

History of McCrady Training Site, South Carolina National Guard

Retired U.S. Army Col. Frank Chapman, former McCrady Training Center training site manager, and retired U.S. Army Master Sgt. Curtis Hallman Jr., current McCrady Training Center maintenance manager, talk about the history of the South Carolina National Guard McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina and the hard work and dedication it took to get the training site to what it is today.

Article:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/374805/history-mccrady-training-site-south-carolina-national-guard>

Podcast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7ETIdEdZNU>

169th FW ANG Mother, Daughter deploy to AUAB

U.S. Staff Sgt. Kaviana Holmes, 379th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron commander support staff non-commissioned officer in charge, and her mother U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Katina Wise, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Force Support Squadron force community superintendent, are both currently deployed to Al Udeid, Air Base, Qatar. Natives of Columbia, South Carolina, both Wise and Homes are Air National Guard and stationed at 169th Fighter Wing, McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina and have both been deployed to Al Udeid AB since January 2020.

Article: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/373783/169th-fw-ang-mother-daughter-deploy-auab>

USAG Benelux farewells COL Kuester, welcomes COL Yastrzemsky

Kuester is scheduled to become the senior Army advisor in Columbia to the South Carolina National Guard.

Article:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/373934/usag-benelux-farewells-col-kuester-welcomes-col-yastrzemsky>

#KnowYourMil - Pursuing a dream while serving in the South Carolina National Guard

This is the story of U.S. Army Sgt. Carter Lybrand with the South Carolina Army National Guard. He talks about his love for music and how the help of his fellow Soldiers and family led him to where he is today in pursuing music full time.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aP-vk5HfhuQ>

COVID-19 Response Coverage

The Adjutant General for South Carolina thanks South Carolina Military Department for COVID-19 response efforts

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. R. Van McCarty, the adjutant general for South Carolina, shares a message to thank the Soldiers, Airmen, and employees of the South Carolina Military Department who have been activated and responding to missions in the state since March in support of COVID-19 response efforts.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opHm3mGr1aE>

South Carolina National Guard supports testing sites

The South Carolina National Guard supports mobile testing sites throughout the state with setting up, tearing down, directing traffic, and providing information to citizens visiting the test site:

July 7: Mount Pleasant - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715033162073>

July 7: Sumter - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715056452676>

July 11: Lady's Island: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715133216218>

July 14: Seneca - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715133608057>

July 15: Kershaw - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715131831571>

July 16: Abbeville - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715133548702>

July 22: Heath Springs - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715284199236>

July 24: Bluffton - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715285847247>

Food Bank support in Williamston

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the South Carolina National Guard provide assistance at the Second Harvest Food Bank in Williamston, South Carolina July 6, 2020. Soldiers have been assisting food banks across the state with packing, moving, and distributing food during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715004992387>

Facility Sanitation Team sanitizes Field Maintenance Shop

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the South Carolina National Guard from the 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade and 108th Chemical Company conduct sanitation of the South Carolina National Guard's Field Maintenance Shop located in Summerville, South Carolina, July 17, 2020. These personnel are part of a Facility Sanitation Team (FST) in the South Carolina Army National Guard. The teams ensure compliance with federal, state, and local policies while sanitizing locations across the state in support of COVID-19 response efforts in the state. The purpose of this sanitation is aimed at halting the virus' spread in the community while supporting the counties, state and local agencies, and first responders of COVID-19 response efforts in the state.

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157715285506343>

Employer support critical to South Carolina National Guard's COVID response

Since March, the South Carolina National Guard has mobilized nearly 500 Soldiers and Airmen to augment local authorities' medical response to COVID-19. These service members have temporarily left their civilian jobs and Families while performing their military duty. The support they receive from their civilian employers is crucial to being able to perform vital missions across the state.

Article:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/374291/employer-support-critical-south-carolina-national-guard-covid-response>

External Media Coverage:

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Post & Courier:

https://www.postandcourier.com/berkeley-independent/news/218th-maneuver-enhancement-brigade-holds-change-of-command-ceremony-at-the-citadel/article_6ca5e2cc-c2da-11ea-9aa0-df35ad24f626.html

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SC Now:

https://scnow.com/gallery/news/photos-change-of-command/collection_62625836-c6d1-11ea-b401-8b7523fc2a56.html

National Guard assists health workers with free COVID-19 testing in Georgetown

A long line for coronavirus test stretched around Georgetown High School parking lot on Friday morning as residents waited in the drive-thru to get tested. Tidelands Health and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control were joined by the state's National Guard personnel providing free testing to nearly 900 people.

Post & Courier:

https://www.postandcourier.com/georgetown/community/national-guards-assists-health-workers-with-free-covid-19-testing-in-georgetown/article_1d6cef1a-c542-11ea-a330-6b394eb97de6.html

WPDE:

<https://wpde.com/news/local/sc-national-guard-teams-up-with-tidelands-health-to-provide-free-covid-19-testing>

SC National Guard helping five testing sites a day, on average

The state's fight against coronavirus is a multi-agency effort. South Carolina National Guard Brigadier General Brad Owens said Monday the Guard helps facilitate about five testing sites a day across the state.

WLTX:

<https://www.wltx.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/south-carolina-national-guard-helping-testing-sites/101-3e2fcbfd-c176-498d-aaf0-6ef2af65ecdf>

SC National Guard at Orangeburg hospital to help with COVID-19

The Guard is helping to put up temporary tents to help with possible overflow of coronavirus patients.

WLTX:

<https://www.wltx.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/sc-national-guard-at-orangburg-hospital-to-help-with-covid-19/101-18ce7ac2-2d49-48d3-91a2-b4847a58e719>

WRDW:

<https://www.wrdw.com/2020/07/17/troops-raise-tents-in-case-orangburg-hospital-fills-up-with-covid-19-patients/>

WLTX:

<https://www.wltx.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/we-must-do-something-rmc-orangburg-hospital-gives-update-on-coronavirus/101-86eb36ca-f3f2-4ae4-a6ac-ebf35cb45cb3>

Flags at SC State House to be lowered at half-staff Friday to honor late SC Adjutant General

Flags at SC State House to be lowered at half-staff Friday to honor late SC Adjutant General Gov. Henry McMaster has ordered that the flags atop the South Carolina State House be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset on July 17 to honor former Adjutant General Stanhope Spears, Sr. Major General Spears served as the state's adjutant general from 1995 to 2011.

WISTV:

<https://www.wistv.com/2020/07/17/flags-sc-state-house-be-lowered-half-staff-friday-honor-late-sc-adjutant-general/>

SC National Guard offering staff support at Grand Strand hospitals

Clinical personnel with the South Carolina National Guard will provide staffing support for five hospitals along the Grand Strand as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to surge across the region, officials announced Tuesday.

WPDE:

<https://wpde.com/news/local/sc-national-guard-offering-staff-support-at-grand-strand-hospitals>

WMBF:

<https://www.wmbfnews.com/2020/07/22/sc-national-guard-medics-arrive-grand-strand-hospital-nearing-capacity/>

SC National Guard continues to help fight COVID-19

Since mid-March the South Carolina National Guard has been among the front line heroes helping in the fight against the coronavirus. "We feel like we're saving lives and anything we can do to restore the health of South Carolina we're all for," Brigadier General Brad Owens said. The South Carolina National Guard continues to play a major role in supporting any needs related to COVID-19. From distributing personal protective equipment, to setting up testing sites and even sending medics to the front lines at the hospitals.

WLTX:

<https://www.wltx.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/sc-national-guard-continues-to-help-in-fight-against-covid-19/101-a42a82f9-56a3-4f7a-95c9-a522bcb161b1>

Spc. Hoffmann making a difference in South Carolina kids' lives

In this edition of NASCAR Salutes Refreshing Moments, NASCAR.com is highlighting the work of U.S. Army National Guard Specialist Charles H. Hoffmann.

NASCAR:

<https://www.nascar.com/news-media/2020/07/19/spc-hoffmann-making-a-difference-in-south-carolina-kids-lives/>

S.C. National Guard soldier reunites with family, surprised with college degree

A South Carolina Army National Guard soldier was reunited with his family and surprised with his degree when he returned home Friday from serving overseas. U.S. Army Spc. Douglas Long with the 4-118th Infantry Battalion, hasn't seen his family since August of 2019. He was deployed overseas in the Middle East.

WLTX:

<https://www.wltx.com/article/news/local/guardsman-reunites-with-family-surprised-with-college-degree/101-dfa7ba09-83d6-42fd-b55d-83cf3654d02d>

ABC Columbia:

<https://www.abccolumbia.com/2020/07/31/a-surprise-graduation-soldier-receives-college-diploma-upon-return-from-middle-east/>

WISTV:

<https://www.wistv.com/2020/07/31/sc-soldier-who-finished-degree-while-serving-overseas-comes-home-big-surprise/>

Priorities of Public Affairs

Priorities of Public Affairs coverage include real-world crisis events, joint exercises, training, high-visibility community events, deployments and homecomings, newsworthy situations that support current events and South Carolina National Guard support or involvement, special emphasis events that support recognized DoD themes or campaigns, and designated patriotic holidays and events that support the South Carolina community, and the adjutant general's priorities of recruiting and retention, professional military education, individual and collective training, and accountability through effectively leveraging limited resources according to laws, regulations, and policies to maximize individual and unit readiness. The most recent annual report for the SC Military Department can be found here:

<https://www.scguard.ng.mil/Portals/45/Documents/annual%20reports/Annual%20Report%202019.pdf?ver=2019-12-09-120622-060>

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